



ST. WINEFRIDE'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY

Dear Parents and Carers, it is with great joy, as we come to the end of our Spring term, that we reflect upon how hard our children have been working and the experiences and opportunities that they have had which have developed them academically, socially and spiritually. We are proud of the effort that the children put into their learning and it is a joy to watch them grow and develop daily. Thank you for your continued support with home learning; this is extremely important and we value the input from you all to ensure that our children reach their full potential in school and at home. This season of Lent, we have been busy and we have taken time to think about the needs of others and put others before ourselves. The children have enjoyed raising money for worthwhile charities and they understand that the love and kindness that they show helps others locally, nationally and worldwide.

Next week is Holy week and it is an opportunity for your child to share with you their understanding of Jesus' journey during the week leading up to his death and the joy and celebration of his Resurrection. In school, we dedicated time to remind ourselves of the events of Holy week and what Christ endured in his final days. The children have journeyed around Stations of the Cross that have been made by all classes to have time to reflect upon this and to really think about the sacrifices that we can make as followers of Jesus.

On behalf of the staff and governors, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a peaceful and restful (end of term) break. Enjoy your time as a family and have a very special Easter. Celebrate the Resurrection of the Lord on Easter Sunday and hopefully your visit from the Easter bunny!



Enrichment of the Curriculum - Residential to Delamere



The children in year 4 along with Mr Shone, Mrs Roberts and myself enjoyed a wonderful residential trip away in Delamere Forest. During our three day break, the children from Year 4 took part in a variety of activities such as pond and stream dipping (where they found lots of different creatures); habitat walk—exploring the forest and the habitats of the creatures who live in there; jungle camp—the children made their very own shelters using a robust process of planning, building and reviewing and they enjoyed fun and exciting team building activities. At our school, we pride ourselves upon providing the best opportunities for the children to take part in exciting, meaningful and interesting trips and residential trips which encourage independence, social skills, teamwork and allow children to experience new things in a safe and supportive environment. The children and staff had a magnificent time and learnt lots about outdoor life, themselves and each other. The staff at Delamere shared that the children were a joy to work with and be around; they were engaged, knowledgeable and curious and they were extremely well behaved and well mannered. Our children are a credit to themselves, to their families and to our school. To watch them experience the excitement of being away and learning in the outdoors, with friends, is a real joy. The children have learnt great life skills as well as grown in confidence socially. They have shown developing independence, perseverance and resilience and I am incredibly proud of them.





On Thursday 3rd March, the children across the school came together to celebrate World Book Day. Having made hats and masks showing their favourite books and characters, the children paraded around the school hall and shared their creations with staff and children in the school. A winner was chosen from each class and they were invited to choose their own book as a prize. The children really enjoyed this and it was a meaningful way to celebrate our love of books. Great thought and personality went into all of the creations. The children could take their mask or hat home and keep it as a reminder of the books that they enjoy and why they like to read. The winner from each class had the opportunity to choose a book that they wanted to have at home. They enjoyed choosing and were happy when the books were delivered to school!



The Season of Lent 'Giving...'



Mrs O'Gorman meets regularly with our well established Student Council. Children from Year 2 to Year 6 come together to discuss the life and events of the school and the children represent the children in their class and share views and suggestions for school life. At this meeting, the children discussed their ideas around 'giving' during Lent and expressed their feelings around raising money for charities local, nationally and worldwide. At the meeting, the children were asked to go back to their peers and decide upon a fundraiser that their class would lead to raise funds for their chosen charities: The Ukraine Crisis, Claire House and



Thank you to all of the children in Year 4 who raised money for charity by holding a cake sale. Thank you to all parents and family members who helped the children bake scrumptious cakes for everyone to enjoy! Year 4 raised £121.60.

Hayley, Sophia, Fay and Eadie decided to raise funds for charity by making loom band jewellery for the children in our school. They were very busy making rings, bracelets, necklaces and keyrings. They raised £28.25.

All of the money will go to our three school charities: The Ukraine Crisis, CAFOD and Claire House. We are incredibly proud of you for organising this independently - well done!



Giving is not just about making a donation; it is about making a difference.





Children in Year 5 have been raising funds through their 'Guess the amount of eggs in the jar.' Children across the school have donated money to guess the amount of eggs, hoping to win the whole jar. Well done and congratulations to our children in Year 5 for raising £48.50.



Children in Year 6 have been holding a raffle to raise money. They have a huge, fluffy bunny rabbit and they have been selling tickets to the children across the school to win the fluffy bunny. I think they are going to find it hard to part with their prize! Well done Year 6 on raising

With the lovely Spring weather that we have had, Year 2 decided to get 'Summer' ready and sell ice lollies to raise money for our chosen charities. This has been well received by all of the children (and staff) throughout the school. Thank you and well done Year 2. Congratulations on raising £61.00 for our chosen charities.



Well done to our Year 3 children for raising money by selling tickets for their chocolate raffle. All of the children have worked really hard and have raised a wonderful £46.50. Thank you Year 3.



We have been really busy as a school community raising funds to support charities. The children have been enthused to do this and they show a real understanding and want to help others who need our support and prayers. Thank you to all of our families for supporting the children in their aspiration to help others and in doing so, making a difference to the lives of others. I am incredibly proud of our whole school community for the love, compassion and commitment we have for helping others in need.

This term, our non uniform day raised £161.00 for Red Nose Day. We also had a 'Wear Colourful Socks Day' raising £193.40 for Down Syndrome Cheshire.

★ ★ Thank you everyone. ★ ★



PTFA



A HUGE thank you to our PTFA for organising Easter events. The chocolate raffle was a great success raising £127.40.

The PTFA provided the prizes for our Eggstravaganza event. The creations made by the children were wonderful. Thank you for your support with these events.



Congratulations to our First Sacraments children on making their First Forgiveness. We are very proud of you all. You are in our thoughts and prayers as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion in June.



During Lent, the children have come together to listen and pray and reflect upon this time. Our Liturgical Leaders have had the opportunity to work with the staff from the Shrewsbury Youth Mission Team and had training to lead prayer in their classrooms and school. The children have been commissioned to 'Go out and share the Good News' of the Holy presence of God in our community.

Each class has organised and led their 'Stay and Pray' during Lent. Thank you to all family members who joined the children and staff to pray and reflect upon what Lent means for us.

Each class has made their own prayer station based up the Stations of the Cross. All of the children, with their class teacher and support staff, have journeyed around the prayer stations and had time to think about the events of Holy Week.

Children from Years 5 and 6 enjoyed taking part in the Bible Exhibition led by the staff from Bromborough Gospel Hall.

It has been a joy to celebrate Mass in our Key Stages and as a whole school. Thank you to Father Francis for celebrating Mass with us. Our children in Years 5 and 6 were led in a service of Reconciliation by Father Francis.

Thank you to Mrs Bannister for leading the implementation of these special times of prayer



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SEND Provision



Miss Holland, our school SENCO and Mrs Roberts (Learning Mentor) hosted another successful coffee morning for the families in our school. Our SEN link Governor, Mrs Parker, attended along with Claire Garnett from the Endorphins Group which is a new and inclusive youth group starting in Neston providing sessions where pupils with SEND can play, learn and build confidence.

Science Week

All of the children engaged in a variety of Science activities during Science week. To enrich our learning and development in Science, Mr Shipton, Our Science Lead, organised for Hand On Science to come into school to deliver workshops to our very own Scientists! The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience and gained a great deal from it!



Bunny Hop

Children and staff enjoyed our 'Bunny Hop' in the hall. The children hopped around to raise money for The Hospice of the Good Shepherd. Thank you to all families who have sent in their sponsor money. We will communicate the total money raised after half term. Thank you for your support and generosity. I know that when Lucy visited our school to speak with the children, we were all in awe of the wonderful work the staff do at the Hospice and Lucy helped us understand what the money raised is used for.



This week, Soo, Lumi and Katherine have been busy making our children lovely Easter themed treats and puddings for their lunchtime meals. They invest time to make sure that all of the children receive a lovely cooked lunch and that they enjoy the lunchtime experience—an important part of the school day and an opportunity for them to sit and enjoy a meal together. Thank you Soo, Lumi and Katherine for your hard work.

If your child does not have school lunches, why not take the opportunity to order a lunch for your child to try and so they might enjoy the delicious meals that these ladies prepare each day?

In our recent Health and Hygiene audit, our food hygiene rating was graded 5— the highest grading that can be achieved.



On behalf of all of the staff at St Winefride's, I would like to wish you an enjoyable and restful Easter Break and we look forward to welcoming all of our children and families back to school on: Wednesday 20th April 2022. Our doors open at 8.45am and all children must be in school by 8.55am.

